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Documents Attached

1. Communication (2 pages)
2. Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form (2 pages)

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DAVID E. BARAFF et al.

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ELEMENTS

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Art Unit: 2123

COMMUNICATION

ATTN: EXAMINER STEVENS

Sir:

Attached please find an Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form.

Please do not hesitate to contact me to propose additional times for the requested
interview.

Respectfully submitted,



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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 09/750,100 First Named Applicant: David E. Baraff
 Examiner: Stevens, Thomas H. Art Unit: 2123 Status of Application: Pending

Tentative Participants:

(1) Sean Parmenter (attorney) (2) Sujit Kotwal (attorney)
 (3) Examiner Stevens (4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: Thur. Aug. 31, 2006 Proposed Time: 2 PM Eastern Time / 11 AM Pacific Time (AM/PM)

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☒ Telephonic (2) ☐ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc.)	Claims Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>Rejection under § 112, first para.</u>	<u>1-20</u>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

1) The Office Action dated June 19, 2006 rejected claims 1-20 under § 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Office action states that "predetermined threshold" and "threshold" are, verbatim, silent within the application. Applicants' representative submits that there is no *in haec verba* requirement. Additionally, Applicants' representative submits that the Examiner's statement does not fulfill the initial burden of presenting evidence and reasons why a person of ordinary skill in the art would not recognize that the written description of the invention provides support for the claims.

a) Each claim limitation must be explicitly, implicitly, or inherently supported in the original disclosure. Applicants' representative submits that equation 4 of the Application provides express support, if not also implicit and inherent support, for the claimed limitations.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____.

NOTE

This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)).

as soon as possible.



Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature)

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

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